Arthur Brisbane Interprets Armament Conference

TODAY

ahould be compelled to read, gave England warning, before he died, of that greatest danger to the empire, the submersible battleship. Balfour was echoing Flaher when he declared against giant submarines, that could start from a Japanese port, come up in the harbor of Liverpool or New York, do their work, release their flock of knockeddown flying machines, then sink and disappear again.

Balfour speaks intelligently for England, with merchant ships, large and visible, dotting the sceen everywhere, when he demonses the 10,000-mile radius submarine that would be, to those ships, like a welf to a flock of sheep.

The submarine menaces the world's peace, also the flying machines that can be released out at see from the hold of a ship to strike coast cities in the night. But war is based on treachery, screey, brutality, and lying. How will you keep a nation that is slanning war from building the most effective war machinery?

Why not admit that while the world remains barbarous, comparative safety is to be found only in permitting intelligent nations, least inclined to war, to maintain such power as will compel the respect of those murder-cualy inclined? When early white explorers

went through Africa they were respected and safe because THEY had the guns. The natives knelt down and prayed to them, beg-ging, "Don't shoot me." We in America know that we

don't want war, of our own making or forced upon us. If intelligent, we shall keep for ourselves the big guns before which "the natives" of some other continents, including Asia, will bow down saying, "Don't shoot me." They understand big guns. That would be CHEAP INSURANCE.

England needs a great navy, America does not. England protests against big submarines that could destroy her empire by killing her commerce. That was all Balfour said, beyond scattering a few metapherical, oratorical primroses on the head of Secretary Hughes.

After him spoke Admiral Kate, of another empire, Japan. For every fighting Englishman of full blood there are two fighting Japa-nese. What Balfour said of Amer-ica is TRUE of Japan. If she does not intend raiding here or in Europe, she needs no great navy. She can take care of peaceful brown rabbits, that surround her in Asia, doing the work with a few gunboats or river boats.

Every American should have seen that concentrated, narrow-chested, studious Japanese statesman, with small body and big brain, as he rose at that green table to talk TO THE WHOLE WORLD. Was he there as an equal? Indeed he was, and more. There was consciousness of power in him, no diffidence, as he made in Japanese the speech that he knew the world would read and weigh. When he finished, his Japanese secretary repeated the speech in English and a French translator talked it in French.

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Monotonously, with the accent always on the first syllable, in that strange language that uses the pitch of the voice to change meaning, he said his say.

He represented energy saved up. Nobody had killed his men, sunk his ships or borrowed his billions. He had taken what he wanted from Germany, and at the passes con-

Germany, and at the peace con-ference he had carved out a slice of forty million human beings, Shantung, out of China.

You saw self-confidence and Japanese quickly, briefly, spoke for his country. It was merely introductory, polite, approving. What Japan really wants will come out in committee discussions that the public will not

Of this, be sure, Japan is not a downtrodden brother seeking recognition merely as an equal among other white nations. Japan wants and intends to have recognition as a superior, one of the two or three first in all the earth. And she had it yesterday in the faces of the earth's representatives.

Why is Japan recognized? Because she has been ready and is ready to back up what she says and wants in the only effective way among nations.

Yesterday she was nothing.

Her warriors wore masks, beat tom-toms, and howled to frighten the enemy. Today as he talked Kato held his Japanese manuscript in his right hand, kept his left hand in his trousers pocket, something that his ancestors didn't wear. He is used to European clothes, also guns, battleships, and methods.

methods.

Progress has been made since the days of Perry and the masked soldiers. Admiral Kato was talking for a nation that is to have the world's third fleet, ahead of France and Italy. With Germany, Austria, Russia, great yesterday, now nowhere, how long before the third would be first, if the scheme for revising the United States Constitution in favor of our dear friends screes the water were carried out?

You will hear presently from Japan that she wants a navy bigger than the size alloted to

her.

You will hear from England, and with sound argument, that she does not approve an absolute ten-year holiday, which would ruin her great battleship-building organisation, scatter specialised mechanics and engineers, and cause the sudden expansion under extravagant conditions when the ten years end.

When the fox, in the fable, had his tail cut off, he told the other foxes that he felt greatly relieved, and suggested that they also get rid of their tails.

In the late war some European nations lost their financial tails.

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They can't do in armaments what they could and would do if they still had the money. They suggest to old Unche Sam that he should cut off his tail, refrain from spending money to make himself safe, actually scrap and destroy eight hundred million dollars invested in defense.

Europe's war compelled this country to spend a hundred billions and lose temporarily its na-

tional prosperity.

If we decide now to be governed by the temporary needs of those who have fought and squandered themselves to a standstill, we shall

deserve whatever we may get.

This country didn't spend thousands of millions on battleships and merchant ships because it wanted war, but because Europe had forced the United States to realise that without defense she could be made within twenty-four hours the play-

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She learned overnight that she
must have England's permission
to ship goods where she chose.
And later that she must have England's ships to carry her own soldiers. She was notified by Germany, surrounded on all sides by
enemies, that Germany would not
allow American ships to sail the
seas except by special permit, and
that "went" because our stupidity
found us without defense.

WHO WANT NO WAR, START NO WAR BE REGULATED BY THOSE THAT MAKE WAR AND, WHEN IT COMES. SEEK TO PROFIT BY IT, TO THE LAST DOLLAR?

naval defense now and cease further defensive preparations because our European brothers are a little out of breath financially. If, then, war comes with Japan, what will be said, what excuse offered by those that would cut down our defensive

WE KNOW THAT WE DON'T WANT WAR. And our duty is to make other nations know THAT THEY COULDN'T WIN, IF THEY FORCED WAR ON US.

That is the way to make America safe, and to encourage States insurance.

Remains Held in Readiness at Philadelphia Morgue, Prosecution Admits.

MONTROSE, Va., Nov. 16.—That the body of Mrs. Margaret Eastlake, who was hacked to death with a hatchet in her home at Colonial Beach on the morning of September 30 has not been buried, but is now in a Philadelphia morgue, became known here

Sarah Knox, formerly a Johns Hop-gins Hospital nurse, both of whom are held in jail in Richmond. Attorneys river, inhabilited by some 70,000 Chifor the prosecution today declined to ness and 250 Portuguese soldiers, have say whether or not the trial juries trade worth about \$1,000,000 per year. would be taken to Philadelphia to view the body but they admitted that the remains would not be interred until be opened at the green table.

fter the trials. Attorney Watt T. Mayo of Westmoreland county and Attorney Charles
W. Moss who will conduct the prosecution, today announced that the husoases in a desert, assuming, of Miss Knox than they have against Eastlake, and, by placing the husband on trial first they can use the nurse as a witness against him.

Conference Close-Ups

Now we come to the diplomatic "pursy-footing" stage of the proceeding. The zealous advocates of "open covenants openly arrived at," submerged by the audacious publicity strokes of Saturday and Tuesday, are beginning to rise to the surface again today with mild talk about the secrecy of committee negotiations. This comment is not at all bitter, as yet. The exigencies of the occasion are more apparent in fact than they were in theory, and so long as the conference steerers permit the public to know famous old James G. Blaine mansion.

Mr. Hughes talked confidentially with the newspaper men, as usual, at the State Department yesterday afternoon and promises to continue his customary group interviewing throughout the conference. He answers questions quite freely, and when he falls to answer, he usually takes pains to explain why, in his opinion, the best interest of the country is served by explain why, in his opinion, the best interest of the country is served by temporary silence. Mr. Hughes is not quoted. His talks are merely to steer

President Harding will also continue his Tuesday and Thursday press conferences. He usually answers questions freely. He is not quoted and his object is to keep public information authoritative.

When Mr. Balfour in his dry jocularity of yesterday congratulated Mr. Hughes on having kept his "secret" so well, a foxy smile broke over the face of Henry Cabot Lodge that would have done honor to a Harvard touchdown. The Senator, to change the figure of speech to baseball, is having his in-

Among the nations participating in the conference is Portugal. She was invited, not, presumably, because of her army or her navy, but because of tion. Portugal has a foreign empire of colonies covering 986,264 square It is understood that the prosecu-tion will make use of the body in the murder trials of Roger D. Eastlake, the slain woman's husband, and Miss the slain woman's husband, and Miss of those square miles that brings the delegation here. The little Islands of Macso at the mouth of the Canton river, inhabilited by some 70,000 Chi-

band would go on trial first, the date being fixed at December 13. It is understood that the prosecutors believe they have a stronger case against embassies are popular. One hears

what in general is going on behind closed doors, and if no commitment Dupont circle, has become a bee hive is made without open debate, carping of Nippon industry. There is no drone in the hive. Every buzzing inmate works as if this day offered

> The scene of action today is at the "new navy building." the vast temporary war structure built by Josephus Daniels in the heated days of 1917, just around the corner from Continental Hall. Here the missions of experts are plotting the details of the great armament reduction plan, and a new political scheme in the troubled Far East. Spacious quar-iters are provided for the delegations and the press.

U. S. CHAMBER TO TAKE

REFERENDUM ON TARIFF ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 16.—A referendum to the 1,400 trade and commercial bodies of the United States, comprising the membership of the United States Chamber of Commerce, on the tariff policy recom-mended by the national chamber comdirectors of the chamber today. The report recommends that perms nent tariff legislation should be framed so as to permit adjustment of indi-vidual rates or particular schedule of rates within prescribed bounds.

Will Talk on Canada.

"Canada: the Keystone of the British Empire." will be the subject of an address to be delivered tonight by Mrs. Ada Brown Talbot, author and traveller, at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. The lecture will be illus-

Toys were packed in cheap cof-fins exported by Germany before the war to save space.

PLOWERS VIA TELEGRAPH: GUDE,

OHIO SOCIETY MEETING President and Mrs. Harding will be guests of honor at a twelfth anniversary meeting of the Ohio Society on January 29, it was announced today at the White House. The invitation was extended today by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Day and Milton Alles, representing the society.

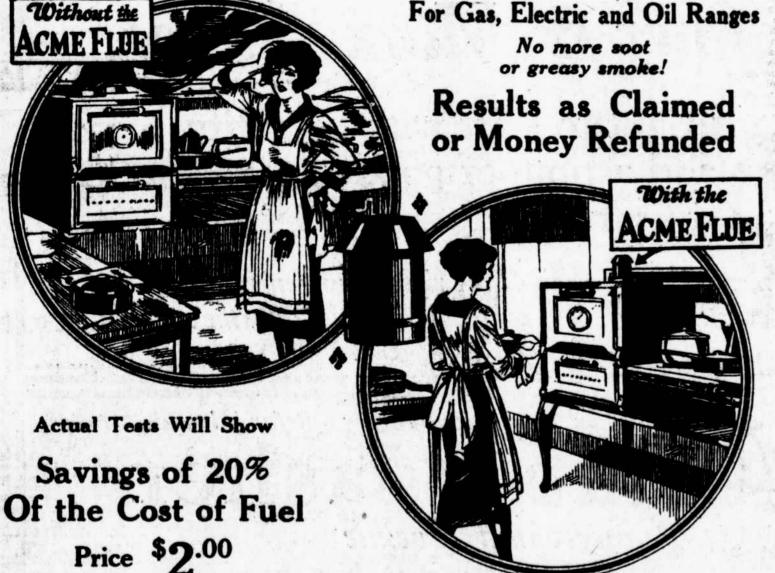
The Ohio Society was founded twelve years ago to perpetuate the memory of William McKinley, and its annual meeting is held on the late President's birthday.



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